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- 1. IN UNLIKELY EVENT EGYPTIANS ALLUDE TO THIS MATTER WITH SECRETARY'S PARTY, YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT ISRAELI EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY DISTRIBUTED ONE OF ITS REGULAR PINK PAPER PROPAGANDA PAMPHLETS ENTITLED "THE ARAB CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE UNITED NATIONS," WHICH HAS AS SUBTITLE ON PAGE ONE "EGYPT'S TWO-FACED POLICY." DATED AUGUST 20, PAMPHLET CHARGES THAT EGYPT EXERTED PRESSURE ON AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS AT KAMPALA TO PLACE EXTREME RESOLUTIONS ON OAU AGENDA AND ONLY MODERATED ITS DEMANDS AT OAU SUMMIT WHEN IT SAW THAT AFRICANS WOULD NOT GO ALONG, AND FURTHER THAT AT LIMA AND NEW YORK EGYPT WILL PROBABLY LEAVE RUNNING TO MORE EXTREME ARABS "SO AS TO PRESENT A MODERATE IMAGE, MAINLY FOR PR AND PROPAGANDA PURPOSES. THIS HAS BEEN THE STANDARD EGYPTIAN TACTIC."
- 2. WE BROUGHT TO SHALEV'S ATTENTION EXTRAORDINARY TIMING CONFIDENTIAL

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OF THIS PAMPHLET'S RELEASE, JUST AS SHUTTLE WAS BEGINNING.

SHALEV SAID THAT TIMING WAS MOST UNFORTUNATE AND THAT NEITHER HE NOR DINITZ HAD AUTHORIZED IT. HE ADDED

"DISCIPLINE BROKE DOWN" AT ISRAELI EMBASSY IN RECENT DAYS BECAUSE HE AND DINITZ SO HEAVILY ENGAGED IN TALKS AT DEPARTMENT. SHALEV SAID PAMPHLET WAS WRITTEN IN JERUSALEM AND THEREFORE CORRECTLY REFLECTED VIEWS OF HIS GOVERNMENT, BUT HE WOULD HAVE PREVENTED ITS RELEASE AT THIS TIME IF HE HAD BEEN CONSULTED.

3. IN ANSWER TO OUR QUESTION, SHALEV SAID HE KNEW OF NO PLANS IN JERUSALEM TO HAVE ISRAELI EMBASSIES ISSUE ADDITIONAL PAMPHLETS IN COMING DAYS. MAW

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